

Other Hunting Rules

It is illegal to:

- Hunt or pursue wild animals or birds from a car, snowmobile, aircraft, motorboat, PWC, ORV or other motorized vehicle, or by a sailboat.
- Set fires to drive out game.
- Use snares, traps, cages, nets, pitfalls, deadfalls, spears, drugs, poisons, chemicals, smoke, gas, explosives, ferrets, weasels or mechanical devices other than firearms, bows and arrows or slingshots to take wild birds or animals, except as provided by trapping rules or special permit.
- Use a crossbow to take game except under permit (see page 15).
Exception: A properly licensed hunter 14 and older may use a crossbow during the November 15-30 firearm deer season.
- Buy or sell game, except as provided by trapping rules or captive wildlife permit.
- Destroy the identity of game or evidence of the sex of game while in the field or when transported in a motor vehicle.
Exception: See Transportation of Game, page 11, for deer, bear and elk.
- Hunt from a tree, raised platform or scaffold with a firearm.
Exceptions: Firearm bear and deer hunters may use elevated platforms. Also see 2003-2004 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for waterfowl hunting blind regulations.
- Hunt while under the influence of intoxicating alcohol, exhilarating or stupefying drugs.
- Use cartridges containing tracer or explosive bullets. A silencer or similar apparatus on a firearm is illegal.
- Camp on state land without a permit. Permits are free and are available at any DNR office. They must be posted at your campsite. A fee is charged for camping at designated campsites in state parks and recreation areas and state forest campgrounds.
- Make use of a dog in hunting deer except that a dog may be used to locate a down or mortally wounded deer if the dog is kept on a leash and none of the persons in attendance possess a firearm or bow and arrow. If the tracking is done at night, artificial lights ordinarily carried in the hand may be used. A dog that barks while tracking the deer shall not be used on public lands.
- Harm or harass a deer or bear when it is swimming in a stream, river, pond, lake or other waterbody.
- Kill or wound any game without making a reasonable attempt to retrieve the animal and include it in the daily bag.
- Shoot reptiles and amphibians with a firearm (including spring, air or gas propelled).

Protected Wildlife

Eagles, hawks, owls, swans, spruce and sharp-tailed grouse, wolves, lynx, moose, cougars, cub bears, and sows accompanied by cubs, and all white or albino deer may not be taken at any time. All nongame birds are protected, except starlings, English sparrows and feral pigeons.

Nighttime Raccoon and Predator Hunting

Raccoon, opossum, coyote and fox may be hunted at night under the following regulations:

Species (Type)	Open Season	Legal Type of Hunting	Legal Artificial Light ^A	Legal Devices ^B
Raccoon (Regular)	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	With dogs only. Firearm must be unloaded and arrows un-locked except when taking raccoon in tree.	Only lights similar to the type ordinarily held in the hand or on the person.	Only a .22 or smaller caliber rimfire rifle or handgun, or shotgun with loads other than buckshot, slug, ball or cut shell, or bow and arrow.
Raccoon (Damage Control)	July 15 - Sept. 30 and Feb. 1 - March 31	Only on private lands when doing or about to do damage; landowners and guests only; with dogs only. Firearm must be unloaded and arrows un-locked except when taking raccoon in tree.	(Flashlights, portable battery-powered spotlights and headlamps, and similar	
Opossum	Sept. 15 - March 31	With dogs only; firearm must be unloaded and arrows un-nocked except at point of kill.	portable lights designed to be carried in the hand or on the person are legal.)	Same as above except no rifles or handguns from Nov. 15 - Nov. 30 in Shotgun Zone.
Fox and Coyote (see note below)	Oct. 15 - March 1	With game or predator call only. Firearm may be loaded or arrow nocked only when using call.		
Coyote (Damage Control)	Sept. 15 - Oct. 14 and March 1 - March 31	Only on private lands when doing or about to do damage; landowners and guests only; with game or predator call only; firearm may be loaded or arrow nocked only when using call.		

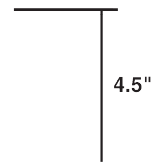
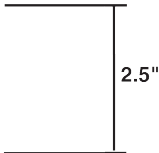
Note: After fox season closes (March 1) hunting hours for coyote return to the regular hunting hours for small game (see page 13).

^A An artificial light, including laser sights, of the type described above may be mounted on a person's clothing or firearm. Spotlights powered by vehicle batteries, floodlights, vehicle headlights and other artificial lights not similar to the type ordinarily held in the hand or on the person are illegal.

^B All hunters using a .22 or smaller caliber rimfire to take a furbearing animal, day or night, from Nov. 10 - Nov. 14, must have a fur harvester license.

DON'T MAKE A MISTAKE!

The gray wolf is protected in Michigan under the Endangered Species legislation.

 <p>GRAY WOLF (<i>Canis lupus</i>) Height: 30" average — Length: 4-1/2 to 6-1/2 feet — Weight: 50-100 lbs.</p>	YOU CAN HELP THE GRAY WOLF BY: Learning the difference between the gray wolf and the coyote. Reporting any harassment of a gray wolf. Reporting wolf observations and locations. Send information to: DNR WILDLIFE 1420 HIGHWAY US-2 WEST CRYSTAL FALLS MI 49920
 <p>COYOTE (<i>Canis latrans</i>) Height: 18" maximum — Length: 3 feet — Weight: 25-45 lbs.</p>	

Fur Harvester License

All persons who hunt and trap furbearing animals, including those who trap or hunt on their own enclosed farmland or private property, must have a valid fur harvester license. This license allows you to hunt fox, bobcat, coyote or raccoon, and trap badger, bobcat, fisher, marten, fox, coyote, weasel, mink, raccoon, muskrat, beaver, otter, skunk or opossum.

Exception: See footnotes 1 & 6, page 37.

A person may trap at any age but must possess a valid fur harvester license. This license does not authorize a person under age 12 to possess a firearm while trapping. A Junior Resident Fur Harvester-Trap Only license is available to youths without Hunter Safety training.

Nonresident Fur Harvester License

Nonresidents may hunt and trap furbearing animals only from November 15 through the regular season closing dates. A nonresident cannot purchase a license before November 15. Residents of Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the province of Ontario, Canada, cannot purchase a Michigan nonresident fur harvester license, because those states and that province prohibit Michigan residents from purchasing an equivalent license.

Fur Harvester Rules

It is illegal to:

- Use any kind of a trap other than a foothold, body-gripping or conibear-type trap unless specifically otherwise provided.
- Use a foothold trap with a jaw spread exceeding a number 2 foothold trap when taking mink or muskrat.
- Use snares or live traps. **Exceptions:** See "Beaver and Otter Trapping Regulations," page 38, "Live Traps," page 39 and "Winter Fox and Coyote Snaring," page 40.
- Use or have in possession or transport in an area frequented by wild animals a catching device of any kind without permanent etching or a metal tag bearing the user's name and address or Michigan Driver License number. **Exception:** See "Beaver and Otter Trapping Regulations," page 38.
- Set a steel trap within 50 feet of any water in Zone 1 before October 25, before November 1 in Zone 2 or before November 10 in Zone 3, unless a duffer-type, egg-type, or similarly designed leghold trap for raccoon is used, or a body gripping or conibear trap is placed 4 feet or more above the ground. See page 7 for zones.
- Molest or disturb the house, hole, nest, burrow or den of a badger, beaver, mink, muskrat or raccoon, whether occupied or not, or molest or destroy a beaver dam, except under a DNR Wildlife Damage Investigation and Control Permit.
- Set a trap on a beaver dam or lodge unless the trap is submerged below the water.
- Set a body-gripping or conibear-type trap larger than six inches in diameter on dry lands that are publicly owned, or over frozen submerged bottomlands or on commercial forest lands (page 42) unless it is four feet or more above the ground or placed in a box or similar container inaccessible to dogs.
- Transport or possess live game taken from the wild, except under a rehabilitation permit or as specified in a Wildlife Damage Investigation and Control Permit.
- Stake, put out or set a catching device at any time before the day on which the open season begins.
- Use a multiple catch or colony trap except for taking muskrats, provided the trap is completely submerged. Colony traps must be constructed of steel and be no larger than six inches high, six inches wide and 24 inches deep.
- Bring a live raccoon or skunk into Michigan.
- Shoot a muskrat, beaver, otter, mink, fisher, marten or badger, except under DNR permit.
- Set any catching device designed to hold an animal alive unless it is checked at least once within each 48-hour period in Zones 2 and 3, and at least once within each 72-hour period in Zone 1. Hunting and trapping zones are shown on page 7.

Species	Area	Season Dates					Notes
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
		Trapping Seasons					
Muskrat & Mink	Zone 1		Oct. 25 - Jan. 31				
	Zone 2		Nov. 1 - Jan. 31				
	Zone 3		Nov. 10 - Jan. 31				
Raccoon	Zones 1& 2		Oct. 15 - Jan. 31				1
	Zone 3		Nov. 1 - Jan. 31				
Fox and Coyote	Statewide		Oct. 15 - Mar.1				1, 10
Bobcat	Zone 1		Oct. 25 -Mar. 1				2
Badger	Zones 1& 2			Oct. 15 - Nov. 14			3 & 9
	Zone 3		Nov. 1 - Mar. 1				
Fisher/Marten	Units A&B				Dec. 1 - Dec. 15		7
Beaver & Otter	Zones 1,2,3		See page 38				
		Hunting Seasons ⁸					
Bobcat	Zone 1			Dec. 1- Mar. 1			2 & 4
	Zone 2 North				Jan. 1 - Mar. 1		
	Zone 2 South		Jan. 15 - Feb. 16				
Gray & Red Fox	Statewide		Oct. 15 - Mar.1				5
Raccoon	Statewide		Oct. 1 - Jan. 31				1, 5
Coyote	Statewide	Jul. 15 - April 15 Closed in Zone 1 during firearm deer season					1, 5, 6

1. Raccoon and coyote may be hunted or trapped on private property by a property owner or designee at any time if they are doing or about to do damage on private property. A license is not needed.
2. The season bag limit for bobcat is three per person; only one bobcat may be taken in Zone 2 (see page 7) by hunting only, and only one bobcat may be taken on Drummond Island.
3. The season bag limit for badger is one per person.
4. Season dates for the hunting of bobcat in Zone 2 differ between northern and southern counties. Bobcat hunting is permitted January 1-March 1 in Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties; January 15-February 16 in Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Osceola, Roscommon and Wexford counties, and Arenac County west of I-75 and north of M-61. All other counties in Zones 2 and 3 are closed.
5. See "Nighttime Raccoon and Predator Hunting" (page 34) for specific regulations governing the hunting of these species at night.
6. Residents possessing a valid small-game license may hunt coyote during the established season.
7. See page 39 for fisher or marten unit map and bag limits, and information about obtaining a free marten trapping permit.
8. No closed season on opossum, weasel, red squirrel or skunk.
9. In Zone 1, badger may only be trapped in Baraga, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Marquette, Menominee and Ontonagon counties and Alger and Delta counties west of federal forest highway 13.
10. See "Winter Fox and Coyote Snaring" (page 40) for specific regulations governing the trapping of fox and coyote with snares.

Beaver and Otter Trapping Regulations

In addition to the general fur harvester rules on page 36, the following regulations apply to beaver and otter trapping:

- Only foothold, body-gripping or conibear-type traps may be used for taking beaver and otter. Exception: See below for use of snares to take beaver.
- A catching device of any type must have a permanent etching or metal tag bearing the user’s name and address or Michigan Driver License number. Exception: If one or more snares are attached to a pole, only the uppermost end of the pole or the uppermost snare needs a metal tag.
- Snares may be used to take beaver from December 1 to March 31, statewide, if the location at which snares are placed is ice-covered. Snares must be made of 1/16 - inch or larger cable and must be removed and made inoperative within 24 hours after the close of the beaver season.
- Up to 10 muskrat pelts may be legally taken in beaver or otter sets.

Resident Seasons	Nonresident Seasons	Statewide Season Limits ^c
Zone 1 Oct. 25-April 18 ^A Zone 2 Nov. 1-April 18 ^B	Zone 1 Nov. 15-April 18 ^A Zone 2 Nov. 24-April 18 ^B	Beaver: No limit Otter: 3 per person of which only 1 may be taken from Zone 2 and only 1 may be taken from Zone 3.
Zone 3 Nov. 10-March 31	Zone 3 Dec. 15-March 31	

Notes:

^A The beaver and otter trapping season in Zone 1 extends through April 30 on designated trout streams only. For a list of these streams in the Upper Peninsula, see FO-210.03 at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

^B The Gladwin Field Dog Trial Area is closed to trapping except for beaver and otter trapping, which is permitted from November 15 through March 15, 2004.

^C Fur harvesters must purchase a new license after March 31. The season limit for otter as stated above does not change with the purchase of a new license.

Beaver and otter trapping is closed in the following areas, listed by county:

- Alger:** Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.
- Benzie:** Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.
- Clinton:** Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area.
- Leelanau:** Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.
- Mecosta:** State land in Colfax Township.
- Newaygo:** White River and 100 feet from either side of the River from M-37 downstream to the Oceana county line. Pere Marquette River (Big South Branch) and 100 feet from either side of the River from 13 Mile Road downstream to Oceana County.

Schoolcraft: Seney National Wildlife Refuge, closed to otter trapping. Contact the Refuge on possible beaver trapping.

Shiawassee: Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area.

Also see "Special Management Areas" on page 40.

Fisher and Marten Units and Bag Limits

Unit A includes all of Baraga, Gogebic, Iron and Ontonagon counties and parts of Dickinson, Houghton and Marquette counties within the following

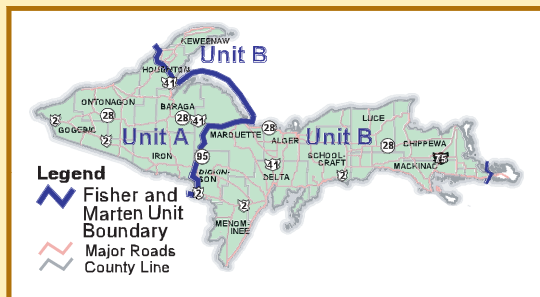
boundaries: Beginning at the junction of US-2 and the Michigan-Wisconsin state line, then northwesterly along the state line to Lake Superior, northeasterly along the shoreline to the Portage Ship Canal,

southeasterly along the shoreline to Keweenaw Bay, southerly and easterly along the shoreline to the mouth of the Carp River in Marquette County, upstream along the Carp River to M-28, westerly on M-28 to M-95, southerly on M-95 to US-2 and west to the point of beginning.

Unit B includes all of Zone 1, except Drummond Island and that area of Unit A described above.

Bag Limits: The season limits are one marten per person, and three fisher per person, except no one may take more than one fisher in Unit B.

Note: A free marten trapping permit is required prior to the season to place traps intended to catch marten. These permits are available Nov. 1-30 by calling or visiting any DNR Operations Service Center (see page 48).



Live Traps

As a substitute for leghold traps, trappers may use live traps capable of taking only one animal at a time within 450 feet of an occupied dwelling and associated buildings during the legal time for trapping the target animal. Live traps must be checked daily. Any animal captured in a live trap must be immediately killed or released; it is illegal to take these game animals or protected animals live from the wild. It is also illegal to hold these animals in captivity.

Special Management Areas

A special permit is required to trap in the following management areas:

- Muskegon State Game Area. Trapping permits are available at the game area headquarters.
- Poel Island Waterfowl Refuge, Grand Haven State Game Area. Trapping permits are available at the Muskegon State Game Area headquarters.
- Fish Point Wildlife Area. Trapping permits are available at the wildlife area headquarters.
- Nayanquing Point and Wigwam Bay wildlife areas. Trapping permits are available at the Nayanquing Point Wildlife Area headquarters.
- Shiawassee River and Crow Island state game areas. Trapping permits may be obtained at the St. Charles field office. Trapping permits for the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge may be obtained from the refuge manager.
- Tobico Marsh. Trapping permits are available at the Bay City Recreation Area headquarters.
- Pte. Mouillee State Game Area. Trapping permits are available at the game area headquarters.

Winter Fox and Coyote Snaring

Snares may be used from January 1 through March 1 to take fox and coyotes, provided:

- Snares are not placed on publicly owned land or commercial forest lands (page 42).
- Steel cable 1/16 - inch or larger is used.
- The snare loop does not exceed 15 inches in diameter.
- The top of the snare loop is not placed more than 24 inches above the ground. (In snow, 24 inches is measured from the compacted snow in a trapper's footprint established by the full body weight of the trapper.)
- Snares are equipped with a relaxing lock and stop to prevent the loop from closing to a diameter less than 2-1/2 inches, or snares are equipped with a breakaway locking system with a breaking point not greater than 350 pounds.
- Snares are affixed to a stake or object sufficient to hold a fox or coyote. (It is illegal to use any type of drag.)
- Snares are equipped with an anchor swivel.
- Spring poles, counterbalanced weights, springs or other similar devices are not used to close the snare.

Bait

You may use parts of furbearing animals as bait in trapping; however, no other game or protected animals may be used as bait. Your bait should be placed where it is not visible to nontarget species such as owls, hawks and eagles.

Furbearer Registration

A person taking a bobcat, fisher, marten, otter, or incidental catches must present the animal for examination at a DNR office during normal business hours. Hunters and trappers are encouraged to call ahead to determine availability of field staff for registering animals. The DNR shall attach an official seal to the pelt of each animal. Depending on the species, an undamaged canine tooth, skull or the skinned carcass will be collected to determine the sex, age and physical condition of the specimen. The location of take, date of harvest and manner of harvest will be recorded when the animal is sealed. Unfrozen carcasses are preferred for sealing. See DNR Web site on how to present carcass for sealing.

Seals may be removed by a licensed taxidermist upon acceptance and recording of the specimen. Otherwise, seals shall not be removed until the pelt is processed or tanned, nor shall a person possess or transport a raw hide after the required registration date for each animal. A person may not buy or sell a bobcat, fisher, marten, or otter pelt without a DNR seal unless the pelt has been processed or tanned.

Species	What is required for registration?	What will the DNR keep from each specimen?	When must I register?
Bobcat	The skull or an undamaged canine tooth, and pelt for sealing.	The skull or canine tooth.	Bobcat: on or before March 4, 2004 Fisher and Marten: on or before Dec. 18, 2003 Otter: on or before May 5, 2004
Fisher	The skull and pelt for sealing.	The skull.	
Marten	The entire skinned carcass and pelt for sealing.	The entire skinned carcass.	Furtakers must register their own take. It is unlawful to register the take of another. Catches may be registered at any DNR registration station (see note below)
Otter	The pelt for sealing.	No parts retained by DNR	
Incidental catches*	The entire carcass and pelt.	The entire carcass and pelt.	See page 42 for details
*Wolves, lynx, and over-harvest of badger, bobcat, fisher, marten and otter.			

Note: Registration locations and hours are posted at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Furtakers also may call DNR Operations Service Centers for information on registration appointments.

Incidental Catches

Trappers occasionally trap secondary species. Because it is unlawful to possess animals out of season or those which are protected species, the following procedure allows trappers to help the DNR collect and utilize the biological data available through carcass examination and ensure that pelts are put to good use. Trappers are encouraged to:

- Immediately release live protected animals from the trap. Help may be available to advise on the release of endangered species.
- If the animal is dead or dies in the attempt to release it, attach a Michigan incidental seal to the animal before removing it from the trap. Then transport the carcass in an open manner to the nearest DNR office. Michigan incidental seals are available from DNR offices. All incidental seals remain the property of the DNR and must be returned by May 1 each year.

Federal Regulations

All out-of-state shipments of raw hides or furs must be plainly marked on the outside of the package as to the contents. If you wish to export bobcat, otter or bear hides from the United States, you need a federal permit. For details, contact the United States Fish and Wildlife Service at 800-358-2104.

Private Lands Open to Public Hunting

Hunting Access Program

The DNR leases over 17,000 acres of farmland in southern Michigan for public hunting with permission from the owner. For details, consult *Public Hunting on Private Lands* which is available at southern Michigan DNR offices, license dealers, the Natural Resources and Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension, Michigan Farm Bureau, and on our Web site: www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Commercial Forest Lands

Nearly 2.2 million acres of commercial forests in Michigan allow the public (without permission) to hunt and fish on these privately owned lands. CF lands are not posted or signed as commercial forests and may be fenced and/or gated. The presence of a gate or fence does not prohibit access to CF lands for hunting or fishing. All antlerless deer hunting licenses for the appropriate DMU are valid on CF lands. Camping, tree stands, construction of blinds, the use of ORVs and vehicles, the use of any materials that may harm the value of trees or create a potentially hazardous wood-harvesting condition, and the cutting or destruction of brush, trees or other plants for any purpose is prohibited unless you have the owner's permission.

Lists of CF lands are available on the DNR Web site or for purchase by mail. (See DNR Web site for purchasing prices.) Orders can be sent to the DNR Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division, Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952.

Hunting within a Road Or Railroad Right-of-Way

You may hunt within a road right-of-way where the adjoining property is publicly owned. If the adjacent property is privately owned, you must have permission from the landowner. Railroad rights-of-way are private property. Trespassing on railroad property is a misdemeanor. You must have written permission from the railroad company to be exempt from trespass.

Artificial Lights and Shining

It is illegal to use an artificial light (including vehicle headlights) to locate wild animals at any time during November and all other days of the year between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. It is illegal to use an artificial light on a highway or in a field, wetland, woodland or forest while having in your possession or control a bow and arrow, firearm or other device capable of shooting a projectile.

Exception: An artificial light may be used from November 1-30 on property you own or property owned by a member of your immediate family if you do not have in your possession or control a bow and arrow, firearm or other device capable of shooting a projectile.

It is a violation of federal law to shine at any time on any national wildlife refuge.

A deer hunter may use an artificial light one hour before and one hour after shooting hours while carrying an unloaded firearm or bow and arrow when traveling on foot to or from their hunting location.

See “Nighttime Raccoon and Predator Hunting,” page 34, for artificial light regulations when hunting raccoon, opossum, fox and coyote at night.

Persons not possessing a firearm or bow and arrow while traveling on foot may use lights during dog training or field trials to follow dogs chasing raccoon, opossum or fox. A lighted pin sight on a bow or a scope with illuminated cross hairs may be used to hunt game during legal hunting hours.

Note: If you are using an artificial light to locate game, you must immediately stop your vehicle when signaled by a uniformed officer or marked patrol vehicle.

Important Live Animal Restrictions

Live Animals—It is illegal to possess live game or protected animals taken from the wild except under a permit issued by the DNR.

Importation Bans—It is illegal to bring a live raccoon, skunk, wild rabbit or hare, wild turkey or wild turkey hybrid or their eggs, or a mute swan or their eggs into Michigan. It is illegal to import or possess a wolf or cougar without an endangered species permit. There is a moratorium on importing deer and elk into Michigan. Contact MDA for more information.

Rehabilitation—A permit is required to rehabilitate a wild animal in Michigan. It is illegal to rehabilitate a bat or skunk. It also is illegal to rehabilitate a deer unless the origin of the deer is positively confirmed to be from outside Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties.

Raised Platforms and Tree Stands

All bow and crossbow hunters may hunt from a raised platform or tree stand, and bear and deer hunters may hunt from a raised platform or tree stand when using a firearm. All other firearm hunters are prohibited from using a raised platform or tree stand. A raised platform means a horizontal surface constructed or manufactured by a person that increases the field of vision of a person using the horizontal surface beyond the field of vision that normally would be attained by that person standing on the ground.

If you hunt on public land, your tree stand must be portable and your name and address must be affixed in legible English that can be easily read from the ground. Hunting platforms cannot be affixed or attached to any tree by nails, screws or bolts; however, a “T” bolt or similar device supplied by a tree stand manufacturer can be used.

Screw-in tree steps are illegal on public lands. It is illegal to use any item that penetrates through the bark of a tree in the construction or affixing of any device to assist in climbing a tree. Scaffolds, raised platforms, ladders, steps and any other device to assist in climbing a tree cannot be placed on public lands any earlier than September 1, and must be removed by the day following the close of the last deer season in the area. A permanent raised platform or tree stand may be used for hunting on private land with the permission of the landowner.

It is unlawful to use an illegal tree stand, scaffold, step, etc., regardless of who placed it on public lands. Your name on a tree stand or ground blind on public land does not guarantee exclusive use.

Ground Blinds on Public Land

A ground blind means a structure, enclosure or any material, natural or manufactured, placed on the ground to assist in concealing or disguising the user or occupant for the purpose of taking an animal. Any ground blind on public land that does not meet the requirements of either Type 1, 2 or 3 described below is an illegal ground blind. **Exception:** See the 2003-2004 Waterfowl Hunting Guide for regulations on waterfowl hunting blinds.

Only the following types of ground blinds are legal on public land:

Type 1 (Portable Ground Blind). This blind must be clearly portable and removed at the end of each day's hunt. Fasteners, if used to attach or anchor the blind, cannot penetrate the cambium of a tree and also must be removed daily. No identification is required. These blinds may be used for legal hunting on public land, including all state game areas, state parks and state recreation areas in Zone 3 (see page 7).

Type 2 (Dead Natural Materials Ground Blind). This blind must be constructed *exclusively* of dead natural materials found in the area of the blind except that a hunter may add netting, cloth, plastic or other materials for concealment or protection from the weather if these materials are not permanently fasted to the blind and are removed at the end of each day's hunt.

These items can be tied to the blind but cannot be stapled, nailed, glued or fastened in any permanent manner. No identification is required. Fasteners (nails, screws, etc.) cannot be used in construction. These blinds may be used for legal hunting on public land, including all state game areas, state parks and state recreation areas in Zone 3 (see page 7).

Type 3 (Constructed Ground Blind). This includes all other blinds not meeting the requirements of either Type 1 or Type 2 including portable ground blinds if not removed daily. These blinds cannot be placed on public land any earlier than November 6 and must be removed no later than the day following the close of the last deer season in the area. It is illegal to place or build a constructed ground blind on public land at any time from the day following the close of the last deer season in the area through November 5. In addition to criminal penalties, any constructed blind found on public land during this period will be considered abandoned. The name and address of the person placing a constructed ground blind on public land must be permanently attached, etched, engraved or painted on the blind. These blinds are not legal on state game areas, state parks and state recreation areas in Zone 3 (see page 7). Fasteners, if used to anchor or attach the blind, cannot penetrate the cambium of a tree and must be removed with the blind.

Note: If a person's Type 3 ground blind has been permitted to be placed on land administered by a local public agency (city, township, county), the local agency will establish the length of time that a blind may be placed on its property.

Hunters with disabilities - Please see page 15 for special ground blind rules on public lands.

Restrictions on Off-Road Vehicles and Snowmobiles

At all times it is illegal to operate an Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) on public lands in the Lower Peninsula not posted open. Snowmobiles are prohibited at any time on state game areas or state parks and recreation areas unless posted open.

Time Restrictions—It is illegal to operate an ORV or a snowmobile between the hours of 7 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. on any area open to public hunting during the November 15-30 firearm deer season.

Exceptions: The time restrictions on the use of ORVs and snowmobiles do not apply during an emergency or while traveling to and from a permanent residence or hunting camp that is otherwise inaccessible by a conventional wheeled vehicle.

The time restrictions on the use of ORVs also do not apply to retrieve a legally taken deer, to private landowners and their invited guests, to motor vehicles licensed under the Michigan Vehicle Code operating on roads capable of sustaining automobile traffic, to a disabled person using a designated trail or forest road for hunting or fishing purposes, or to a person with a valid permit to hunt from a standing vehicle.

State Parks and Recreation Areas

All state parks and recreation areas are closed to hunting from April 1 through September 14, except in areas designated open during the early September Canada goose season and spring turkey season.

It is illegal to target shoot in a state park or recreation area, except on a designated shooting range at Bald Mountain, Island Lake, Ortonville and Pontiac Lake Recreation Areas.

Unless on a designated shooting range, or an area open to hunting during established seasons, or participating in an officially sanctioned field trial, all firearms in state parks and recreation areas must be unloaded in barrel and magazine.

Contact the individual park for more information on hunting opportunities at Michigan State Parks and Recreation Areas. To make camping reservations, call 800-44-Parks.

Dog Training

You may train dogs on wild animals only from July 15 through April 15. Exception: Michigan residents may train dogs on fox on state lands in Zone 3 (see page 7) under special permit.

Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger

A hunter wishing to donate venison should take it to the nearest Sportsmen Against Hunger drop off station for processing. For a list of these stations call (313) 278-FOOD or visit them online at www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org.



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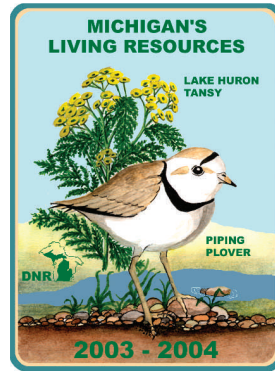
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8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or visit our Web site at: www.michigan.gov/dnr

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RAP (Report All Poaching) 800-292-7800

Baraga

427 US-41 North
Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6651

Gaylord

1732 W. M-32
Gaylord, MI 49735
989-732-3541

Bay City

503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1
Bay City, MI 48706
989-684-9141

Marquette

1990 US-41 South
Marquette, MI 49855
906-228-6561

Roscommon

I-75 & M-18 South,
8717 N. Roscommon Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-275-5151

Plainwell

621 N. 10th St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
269-685-6851

Newberry

5100 M-123
Newberry, MI 49868
906-293-5131

Cadillac

8015 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac, MI 49601
231-775-9727

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38980 Seven Mile Rd.
Livonia, MI 48152
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